

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR BIDIRECTIONAL  
DATA TRANSFER

ABSTRACT

5            Provided are a method, system and article of manufacture for bidirectional data  
transfer. In certain embodiments a link layer login is sent from a first port to a second  
port. Subsequently, an application layer login is sent from the first port to the second port  
to establish a first data path, wherein the first data path is from the first port to the second  
port. Subsequently, another application layer login is sent from the second port to the first  
10 port to establish a second data path, wherein the second data path is from the second port  
to the first port. In certain other embodiments, a first data path is established from a first  
port to a second port. A determination is made at the first port, whether the second port  
has a second data path established from the second port to the first port. An application  
layer logout is sent from the first port to the second port, in response to determining that  
15 the second port has the second data path established from the second port to the first port.  
The first data path is terminated from the first port to the second port in response to  
receiving the application layer logout at the second port.